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### Idaho Spring Wheat Production Down 36 Percent

Based on conditions as of August 1, Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 72.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July 1 forecast and down 12 bushels per acre from 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production of 33.1 million bushels from 460,000 harvested acres is down 36 percent from last year. Idaho's winter wheat yield of 82.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from the July 1 forecast and last year. Producers expect to harvest 740,000 acres of winter wheat with a total production of 60.7 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Barley production is forecast at 52.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year's 46.5 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 590,000, is 90,000 acres more than last year. The expected yield of 89.0 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels from last month but down 4 bushels from last year. Sugarbeet production is expected to total 6.32 million tons from 182,000 harvested acres, up 4 percent from a year ago. Sugarbeet yield of 34.7 tons per acre is up from last year's 34.4 tons per acre. Alfalfa hay production is estimated at 4.10 million tons, a 5 percent decrease from 2011. The expected yield for alfalfa is at 4.10 tons per acre, down from last year's 4.30 tons per acre. Other hay production is expected to total 798,000 tons, up 4 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is estimated at 2.10 tons per acre, down from 2.20 tons per acre last year. Oat yield is forecast at 65.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 5 bushels from last year. Oat production from 15,000 harvested acres is expected to total 975,000 bushels, down 7 percent from a year ago. Dry bean production is expected to total 2.64 million cwt from 140,000 harvested acres, up 40 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre (clean basis), down 100 pounds from last year. Chickpeas, grown primarily in North Idaho, are included in the dry bean estimates. This year's chickpea planted acreage accounts for 53 percent of Idaho's dry beans. Idaho apple production is estimated at 70.0 million pounds, up 10.0 million pounds from 2011. Peach production is expected to total 7,200 tons, down from last year's 7,600 tons. Idaho hop producers are expected to harvest 2,449 acres with a yield of 2,045 pounds per acre and production of 5.01 million pounds in 2012.

For the United States, all wheat production, at 2.27 billion bushels, is up 2 percent from the July forecast and up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month and up 2.8 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, up 1 percent from July and up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at a record high 48.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and 1.8 bushels higher than last year. Spring wheat production is forecast at 500 million bushels, up 6 percent from the July forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 11.7 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 3 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 42.8 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last month and 5.1 bushels above 2011. Barley production for the 2012 barley crop is forecast at 221 million bushels, up 2 percent from the July forecast and 42 percent from 2011. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 67.6 bushels per acre, up 1.3 bushels from July but down 2.0 bushels from last year. Oat production is forecast at 66.5 million bushels, 2 percent above the July 1 forecast and up 24 percent from the record low production in 2011. If realized, this will be the second lowest production on record. Growers expect to harvest 1.09 million acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 16 percent from the record low last year. Dry bean production is forecast at 27.0 million cwt for 2012, up 36 percent from last year. Production of sugarbeets for the 2012 crop year is forecast at 35.3 million tons, up 23 percent from last year. Corn production is forecast at 10.8 billion bushels, down 13 percent from 2011 and the lowest production since 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 123.4 bushels per acre, down 23.8 bushels from 2011. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 54.9 million tons, down 16 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 65.4 million tons, down less than 1 percent from last year. Peach production is forecast at 1.02 million tons, down 5 percent from 2011. The apple forecast for the 2012 crop year is forecast at 8.06 billion pounds, down 14 percent from 2011. Hop production in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 61.5 million pounds for 2012, down 5 percent from last year.

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